Furious Storms Lash Continent

By The Canadian Press

Much of Canada and the United States was hit by one or a combination of snow, sleet, rain, high winds and floods Thursday.

Freezing rain and gale-force winds battered Ontario and Quebec, while bitterly cold weather continued to numb the Prairie provinces.

While light rains fell on the British Columbia coast with snowflurries in the interior, rain, drizzle and fog covered most of the Maritimes and snow fell in Newfoundland.

Savage snow, sleet and rainstorms tapered off Thursday in the United States but a cold wave intensified the misery of thousands and floodwaters put a big dent in industrial production.

At least 75 persons were dead from drowning or as a result of storm conditions extending from New Mexico to the Atlantic seaboard.

Storm damage ran into the millions of dollars.

Thousands were homeless in flooded areas of Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Other thousands were thrown out of work when big manufacturing plants and coal mines shut down operations in stricken eastern U.S. communities. Stores, schools and offices closed and travel was difficult if not impossible in some areas.

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Icy River Traps Miners

PITTSTON, Pa. (AP)—The ice-studded Susquehanna River poured into an anthracite mine Thursday, swamping a crew of 45.

Thirty-three dazed and injured were rescued. Twelve are missing.

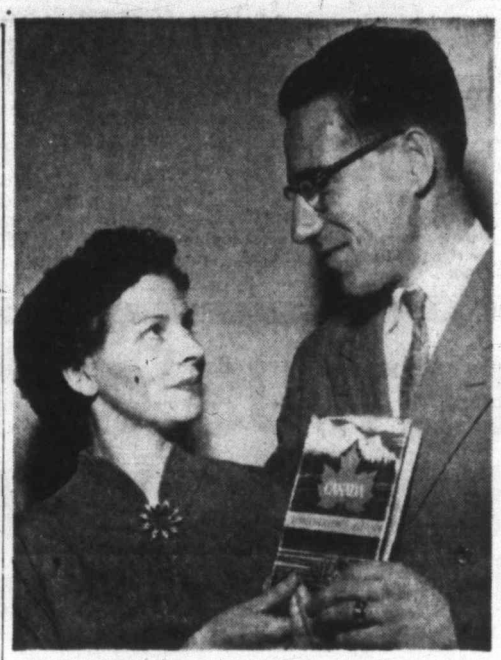
Nobody gave up hope for the missing. But nobody was optimistic.

A rescue crew went down an air shaft and found the 33, who said they were lost in the underground tunnels.

One of those rescued, Joe Soltis, 43, a father of three, said:

"We never heard the water come in at all. It was just there all of a sudden."

Britain exported a record total of £100,000,000 worth of agricultural tractors in 1958.



New citizens Ernie and Mia van Beers of Jordan River plan to read all they can about their adopted land. Couple came here 5½ years ago from Leyden in The Netherlands. Soon after arrival Ernie took his present B.C. Electric job at Jordan River. (Colonist photo.)

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Citizenship Ceremonies

Old World Is Behind, 24 Sign Up with New

Oath of citizenship was administered yesterday by Judge J. B. Clearihue to 24 new Canadians from seven countries in ceremonies at the courthouse.

Address of welcome was given by F. J. Martens of British and Foreign Bible Society.

New citizens are: Erling Alfons Bergman and Alice Mildred Bergman, Jordan River; Sabine Hedwig Margot Mathilde Green, 312 Brunswick Place; Wilhelm Hildebrandt and Katharina Tina Hildebrandt, 48 Boyd Street; Anton Lamprecht, 5003 Prospect Lake Road, RR 1; Gerrit Lok, 6409 Oldfield Road; Manfred Lumpp, HMCS Naden; Mrs. Eva Pakos, 929 Agnes.

Toivo Armas Pihlajoki and Sylvi Esteri Pihlajoki, 736 Daisy Avenue; Mrs. Raija Anneli Ponkka, 1633 Davie Street; Winfried Herwig Johannes Rapatz, 949 Southgate Street; Alfred Utz, 1488 West Saanich Road; Ernest Herbert van Beers and Maria Josephina van Beers, Jordan River; Peter Hoffman, 344 Hillside.

Boleslaw Josef Dopierala and Hedwig Theresa Dopierala, 1145 Balmoral Road; Marie Mueller, 76 Lurline Avenue; Helmut Karl Hahn, 273 West Burnside Road; Jens Peter Kibsgaard, 706 Blanshard Street; Gustav Husser and Frieda Husser, 1921 Bee Street.

Convicted on 10 Counts

18-Month Jail Sentence Given to 'Help' Youth

A Victoria youth sentenced yesterday on 10 counts—eight of auto theft, one of breaking, entering and theft, and one of theft under $50—was told he was regarded "less as a criminal than a person needing help."

Barry Jackson, 16, of 535 West Bay, was sentenced in police court to 18 months definite and six months indeterminate in the Young Offenders' Unit of Oakalla on the first nine counts, and to three months definite and six months indefinite on the last.

All sentences were made concurrent.

The offences charged were committed between Jan. 6 and 12, after the youth had escaped in night attire from the Brannan Lake Industrial School near Nanaimo.

Before sentences were passed defence counsel T. J. Halbert emphasized the youth of accused.

"I have been instructed," he said, "to render what help I can to the court and authorities to assist this boy to find his feet and face the future."

"You are still a young boy," said Magistrate William Ostler to the accused, "with an already disturbing record. You have had an unsettled life, with difficulties in the home, community and school.

"You seem to have an obsession for cars, which appears to be the motivation of most of your trouble.

"At your age, the principal thing to be considered is to help you to rehabilitation . . .

"I agree with your counsel that the best place for you is the Young Offenders' Unit, where careful classification, vocational guidance and training can be provided.

"I am happy to help in this, regarding you less as a criminal than as a person needing help. But you must not adopt that attitude of defiance you have held in the past.

"It is essential that you remain there long enough that the program can help you, but not so long as to constitute undue punishment."

Emery, Poetry —All that Jazz

"Poetry to Jazz" — read by Tony Emery—will be featured tonight and tomorrow at the "Scene," 1306 Wharf Street.

The program, sponsored by the Progressive Artists' Society, will start at 10.30 p.m. both evenings.

Floods Lap Near Castle

LONDON (AP) — Rising floods lapped through the parkland surrounding Windsor Castle Thursday night while gale-force winds lashed the south of England. Many rural areas were under water.

Prospects Please Mikoyan

COPENHAGEN (UPI) — Anastas Mikoyan said last night the people of the United States were tired of the cold war and prospects for peace were favorable "in spite of" the state department.

"Everybody over there is tired of the cold war except the department which concerns itself with the waging of cold war," he said. "In spite of the attitude of the United States state department it is my opinion that the atmosphere presently is favorable for strengthening the peace."

Fifth-Generation Canadian

Veteran Railroader William Smith Dies

A veteran railroader who proudly referred to himself as a fifth-generation Canadian, William Thomas Smith, 66, died here yesterday in Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. Smith, for many years an engineer with the CPR at Calgary, Alta., had lived in Victoria two years.

Born in Almonte, Ont., he went to Calgary in 1912. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Local 235, and belonged to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Local 635.

He was also a member of the Retired CPR Employees' Association in Victoria.

Survivors are his widow, Clara, at home, 2094 Quimper Street; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas C. Hamilton, of Victoria, and Mrs. G. S. Anderson, in Calgary, and a brother in Calgary.

Funeral services will be held at Hayward's funeral chapel at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow. Cremation will follow.

Esquimalt CCF Elects Mitchell

Frank Mitchell has been elected 1959 chairman of the Esquimalt CCF Constituency Association.

Other officers are Geoffrey Mitchell, vice-chairman; D. H. A. MacDermot, membership secretary; Mrs. Waveney Burchill, provincial council delegate.

Rabbit Breeders Awarded Trophies

Trophy winners at the Vancouver Island Rabbit Breeders' Association winter show at Saanichton Agricultural Hall were: Mrs. R. A. Douglas, rex; J. Bailey, Port Coquitlam, New Zealand white; A. J. Ingram, English spot; Sally Elgin, champagne; W. Christensen, red satin; Betty Ash, Californian (Baker trophy.)

Carpenters Open Talks

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia carpenters are seeking a 40-cent-an-hour wage increase and a 35-hour week. Talks between their union and the heavy construction industry opened Tuesday.

Strike Fails In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) —Argentina's four-day general strike over the government's austerity program ended in defeat Thursday, with most of the strike leaders jailed and union headquarters occupied by armed forces.

The strike collapsed with the workers failing to get any of their demands.

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